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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: HETAUDA CEMENT PLANT

REF: KATHMANDU 4717, SYDNEY 2211

1. AS REQUESTED IN SYDNEY REFTL, THE SUMMARY COMMENT BY ONODA ENGINEERING & CONSULTANT IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. SKETCHES OF DIVISIONS SHOWN IN CHAPTER X(2) CLAUSE 1-2, EXCEPT CIVIL WORKS, WATER SUPPLY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND AMENITY BUILDING NOT INCLUDED.

B. GENERAL SECTIONAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE PLANT AND QUARRY, PAGE II-4(9), NOT INCLUDED.

C. SPECIFICATION OF MAIN MACHINERIES AND EQUIPMENT MENTIONED IN CHAPTER X-(3) CLAUSE 3 PAGES 30-32 REFER PAGE II-3 ALSO - BROADLY INCLUDED.

D. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IN EACH DIVISION ON SITE IS FOUND INSUFFICIENT. SHORTAGE OF TECHNICAL DATA. CIVIL SECTION OF RE-IMBERSABLE COST (B)-ABNORMAL FIGURE IS FOUND IN UNIT PRICE. IN CONSTRUCTIONAL PLANT, NO DESCRIPTION IS PROVIDED FOR MINING AREA. PROCUREMENT GROUPING PLANT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

E. SMALLEST IN NUMBER OF PERSONNEL AND MAN-MONTH AMONG THE TENDERERS. REMARKED FEASIBLE OR NOT - DOUBTFUL BUT IT DEPENDS UPON TECHNICAL CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE OF TENDERERS CONSIDERABLE. PERSONNEL ON SITE VIZ FOREMEN IS NOT CLARIFIED DUE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL. TOTAL MAN MONTH ESPECIALLY THAT ON SITE IS EXTREMELY POOR AND NUMBER OF STAFFS IN EACH SECTION TOO SMALL.

F. AS TO SOIL INVESTIGATION IN PLANT SITE, QUARRY SITE, THERE ARE NO ATTACHMENT DESCRIBING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND COST BREAK-DOWN TO THE PROPOSAL. THIS SHOULD BE IN FIXED COST.

G. OVERHEAD EXPENSES IN FEE TOO MUCH. NECESSARY TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE PROPOSED LIST, AS THEY ARE INDISPENSABLE FOR

THE WORK AT LEAST ON A MINIMUM BASIS.

ITEM	QUANTITY	REASONS
ROAD ROLLER	2	FOR ROAD AND LAND PREPARATION
FORK LIFT 3-TON	1	FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING OF PACKAGE GOODS
TRUCK MIXER	2	FOR MOVING OF CONCRETE IN SITE
CONCRETE PUMP	1	FOR CONCRETE PLACING
CONCRETE TOWER	2	INDISPENSABLE FOR THW WORKS
STEEL BAR MACHINE	2	INDISPENSABLE FOR THE WORKS
GENERATOR 250KW	2	INDISPENSABLE FOR THE WORKS
GENERATOR 100 KW	1	INDISPENSABLE FOR THE WORKS
TOOLS FOR ERECTION		INDISPENSABLE FOR THE WORKS
WELDER, JACK, WINCH - 1 LOT		
HAND HAMMER DRILL	10	ELIMINATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPARISON AS THE ITEM SEEMS TO BE FOR THE USE OF MINING DEVELOPMENT.

H. GENERAL TEMPORARY WORK: NO DESCRIPTION IS PROVIDED IN THE PROPOSAL.

1. ABOUT 1000M CUBIC METER HAVE TO BE PROVIDED FOR CEMENT STORAGE AND PLANT SITE STORAGE FOR 2-3 MONTHS STOCK - STACKING HEIGHT IS 1.5M HIGH ONLY.

2. 2000M CUBIC METER HAVE TO BE PROVIDED FOR HCIL SUPPLY AND SOME SHELTER SHADE FOR MACHINERIES. SEPARATE SMALL WAREHOUSES HAVE TO BE PROVIDED AT QUARRY SITE.

I. UNIT COST OF CONCRET TOO EXPENSIVE. QUANTITY OF CONCRETE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS ALSO NOT SUFFICIENT - TOTAL WORK ESTIMATED BY HCIL IS 30,000M CUBIC METER FOR 750 TON PER DAY CEMENT PLANT. PLEASE NOTE - IT IS ESTIMATED 1M CUBIC METER CONCRETE WITHOUT CEMENT AT RS. 350 - 400 PLUS 7 SACKS OF CEMENT (RS. 900.00 APPROX.).

J. MECHANICAL ERECTION WORK IS TAKEN BY ONADA IS 5000 TON I.E. TOTAL WEIGHT OF WHOLE CEMENT PLANT MACHINERIES ESTIMATED BY ONADA IS 5000 TON.

K. ELECTRICAL: 1) NO DESCRIPTION OF QUANTITY IS PROVIDED; 2) THEIR ERECTION WORK COST IS TOO HIGH; AND 3) THEIR TOTAL COST IS ADEQUATE.

L. CIVIL: WASTER RATIO OF REINFORCING BAR AND FABRICATION STEEL ARE TOO HIGH - THE FORMER 20PERCENT AND THE LATTER 30 PERCENT. IT SHOULD BE ABOUT 15PERCENT.

M. ELECTRICAL: 1) NO DESCRIPTION OF EACH QUANTITY IS PROVIDED; 2) THE COST OF CABLE IS TOO HIGH; 3) MOTOR CONTROL AND INSTRUMENT ARE TOO LOW IN COST; AND 4) TOTAL COST IS ADEQUATE.

N. QUARRY: THE PROPOSED QUANTITY OF QUARRY EQUIPMENT IS NOT LIKELY. PLEASE NOTE - YOU HAVE ONLY MENTIONED THE AMOUNT OF QUARRY EQUIPMENT BUT NO QUANTITY OF EQUIPMENT. IT IS LIKELY THAT YOU MAY HAVE TO INCREASE ABOUT DOUBLE THE QUANTITIES OF EQUIPMENT YOU HAVE PROPOSED TO PLAN LIME STONE FOR 2 YEARS

PRODUCTIONS.

O. PROGRESS SCHEDULE: DCA'S SCHEDULE IS ROUGHLY DESCRIBED AND DETAILS ARE UNKNOWN. FOR EXAMPLE, 1) CRITICAL PATH IS NOT PROVIDED; 2) AS TO QUARRY, THERE IS NO DESCRIPTION ON THE PERIOD OF OVER BURDEN/BENCH PREPARATION; (PLEASE NOTE - 400,000M CUBIC METER OVER BURDEN TO BE ESTIMATED WHEREAS YOU HAVE ESTIMATED ONLY 20,000M CUBIC METER. YOU HAVE NOT STUDIED MINE PLANNING PROPERLY.) AND 3) PERIOD NECESSARY FOR SITE SURVEY AND DESIGN OF PLANT LAYOUT IS NOT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

P. TECHNICAL COMMENTS - CIVIL: NO SKETCH IS PROVIDED AND THE GENERAL ARRANGEMENT DRAWINGS (MECHANICAL) ARE NOT SO ELABORATED AS CAN MAKE CLEAR THE OUTLINE OF THE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. THUS, NO COMMENT CAN BE MADE FROM A CIVIL ENGINEERING VIEW POINT.

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Q. MECHANICAL: DCA SUBMITTED ONLY THE COPY OF TA'S BASIC SPECIFICATION IN THE SAME WAY AS PECGM EVEN THE KILN SIZE COULD NOT BE FOUND. WE FEEL DCA'S GENERAL ARRANGEMENT IS ONLY PAINTING NOT DRAWING. SO WE CAN NOT READY HIS DESIGN ABILITY.

R. QUARRY: DESCRIPTION ON QUARRY PLAN IS POOR AND THE QUARRY CONDITION IS NOT STUDIED.

2. ABOVE COMMENTS OBTAINED BY IMEX VERY CONFIDENTIALLY SHOULD BE KEPT IN CONFIDENCE AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED WHILE DISCUSSING WITH HCIL OR ONODA.

3. ACCORDING TO MR. G. RAJBHANDARI OF IMEX, HCIL WILL BE SENDING INVITATION TO DILLINGHAM FOR CLARIFICATION. HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM EXACT DATE, BUT HE THINKS TEAM SHOULD ARRIVE IN KATHMANDU AROUND SEPTEMBER 16 WHEN CLARIFICATION MEETINGS WITH DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT OF INDIA (STARTED SEPTEMBER 12) SHOULD BE COMPLETE.

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